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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: P. Lucas, et al.  
Serial Number: 10/673,989  
Filing Date: September 29, 2003  
Title: Valve Assembly Having Improved Conductance Control  
Docket Number: 56231-434 (MKS-135)

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

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PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

A one month extension of time to and including November 28, 2005, is requested for a response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2005. If a one month extension of time is insufficient, Applicants request such an additional extension as is necessary to maintain the pendency of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$120.00, as well as any additional fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1133.

Date: 11/28/05

Respectfully submitted,

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